

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for displaying a compound word is provided. According to one aspect, data that specifies a first form of a component word is received. Within the compound word, a second form of the component word that differs from the first form of the component word is located. The compound word is displayed so that the second form of the component word is visibly distinguished from the remainder of the compound word. As a result, the compound word is displayed in a way that implements useful highlighting even when only a portion of the compound word is of interest to a searcher. The compound word may be displayed in this manner even when the portion takes a different form when within a compound word than when standing alone.